



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE**  
**MAYOR**

**DOUGLAS KRESS**  
**DIRECTOR**

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Regular Meeting**

February 16, 2017  
5:00pm

Cafeteria Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital  
236 Highland Avenue

**Present:** Douglas Kress, Director  
Brian Green, MD (Chair) by telephone  
Paula Machado, Board Member  
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

**Absent:** None

**Staff Members in Attendance:** Robert King, Capital Projects Division and Goran Smiljic, Superintendent of ISD.

**Guests:** Attendees for FOG Regulations – see attach attendance sign-in sheet.

**Meeting Called to Order:** On a motion made by Doug Kress, the meeting was called to order at 5:10pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

**Previous Minutes:** The January 19, 2017 minutes were tabled till next month to accept and approve.

**FOG Regulation Hearing:** Robert King and Doug Kress presented the Fats, Oils, and Grease Regulations to the public. All license establishments received a letter. Most establishments are already in compliance. MassDep is requiring that the City of Somerville develop and implement FOG regulations due to an increase in blockages/backups in the city's sewer system that was being caused by grease. The regulations state that establishments have one year to get into compliance. The city will conduct yearly inspections.

Questions – Can any license plumber install grease traps? – Yes

Does the waste hauler have to be licensed? - Yes

Comment – Garry Warren stated that dosing systems are not reliable and do not work and is very expensive to run. The vote to accept the FOG Regulations will be done at the March Board of Health meeting.

**Health & Human Services Updates:**

**Next Meeting:** March 16, 2017

**Adjournment:** On a motion made by Doug Kress, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

**List of Documents:** Agenda, January 19, 2017 Minutes, Sign-In-Sheet, FOG Regulations (Draft)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)  
March 8, 2017